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## OLAF P. JENKINS, CHIEF DIVISION OF MINES, RETIRES

After nearly 29 years of continuous service with the California State Division of Mines, Olaf P. Jenkins, State Mineralogist and Chief of the Division of Mines, has announced his retirement as of March 1, 1958.

From July 1, 1929 until February 1, 1947, Dr. Jenkins served as Chief Geologist of the Geologic Branch. During this time he was responsible for many well-known publications, among which is the large colored state geologic map of 1938; Bulletin 118, affectionately called "The Bible" by oil geologists; and a paper known as "Study of Placers" that proved very popular. All these books have long been out of print.

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## PLAN AND PROGRESS OF STATE GEOLOGIC MAP

Six years ago, the popular 1938 edition of the state geologic map of California (scale 1:500,000) went out of print. The wide range of use and great demand for a regional map of this kind prompted the Division of Mines to set up a program for preparation of a new edition of the map, utilizing the large amount of new geologic mapping accomplished during the past 20 years.

The new edition is being compiled on the Army Map Service base maps on a scale of 1 inch equals 4 miles (1:250,000) which is twice the scale of the 1938 map. In 1955, eight preliminary sheets, covering areas in southern California, were published as the first part of the new state geologic map.

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Olaf P. Jenkins (extreme right) retiring Chief, Division of Mines, at a recent conference of Division Chiefs of the Department of Natural Resources, held at Nevada City. Left to Right: John Callaghan, deputy Chief, Division of Forestry; E. A. Aronstein, Chief, Division of Administrative Services; Arthur Darsey, Chief, Division of Soil Conservation; H. G. Stevens, Chief, Division of Small Craft Harbors; DeWitt Nelson, Director, Department of Natural Resources; E. H. Musser, Chief, Division of Oil and Gas; Newton B. Drury, Chief, Division of Beaches and Parks; Edward F. Dolder (behind Drury), Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources; Dr. Jenkins.